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Combat Order No. 1. No. 57th Guards Rifle Division in Naumburg -  
Map 1:100,000 - 1944 edition

1. "Blue" forces, consisting of the 3d and 8th Infantry Divisions, attacking in the direction of Gotha on 27 and 28 December 1951, were halted by "Red" forces on the Osterberingen-Weingarten-Tutleben-Waltershausen line, and shifted to the defense.

By aerial reconnaissance and interrogation of prisoners of war it was established that the enemy is engaged in intensive operations to fortify his main line of resistance.

In front of the enemy main line of resistance is a double barbed wire entanglement. There are minefields in the Tutleben and Waltershausen regions.

In front of the main line of resistance are three full-profile trenches (Note: trenches deep enough so that an average man can stand erect without exposing himself), connected by communication trenches. The second line of defense, Wenigenlupnitz-Fariroda, consists of two trenches.

Enemy artillery is conducting fire as follows: in the woods near Hein, where a unit of 105-mm guns up to about battalion strength is located; in Hastrunsfeld, where a unit of 155-mm guns up to about battalion strength is located. In the region of Wenigenlupnitz and Satelstadt the presence of up to five mortar batteries has been established.

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Enemy aircraft of the B-29, B-26 and B-36 types, under the cover of fighter craft, are conducting bombing raids [ ] and communications lines to the rear, concentrating on the bombing of railroad junctions and surface roads leading to the front.

Captured enemy soldiers have indicated that the 65th and 114th Infantry Regiments of the 3d Inf Div and the 84th Inf Regt of the 8th Inf Div are on the defense in front of the enemy main line of resistance. Enemy reserves are located as follows: a concentration of tanks, up to a battalion in strength, in the region of the woods near Hein; up to a battalion of tanks and up to a battalion of 155-mm guns were detained at and are located near the railroad station in Mechterstedt, and a concentration of infantry troops is in the Schonau region.

Aerial reconnaissance established the movement of a column of tanks and other vehicles up to two km long from the region of Eisenach.

The enemy is regrouping his units and is preparing to shift to offensive action.

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2. The 57th Gds Rifle Div, with the 39th AT Brig attached, has the mission of making a march from the Naumburg region to the Aspach region during the night of 28-29 December 1951, and will be ready to shift to offense in the direction of Eisenach on 30 December 1951.

The division will execute the march in two columns, using two routes. The right column proceeds as follows: Naumburg, Weimar, Erfurt, Gotha, Aspach. It consists of the division headquarters, the 170th Gds Rifle Regt, the 655th How Regt, the 932d Sep AAA Bn (two batteries), the 67th Sep Engr Bn, the 89th Sep Sig Bn, the Medical Bn, and division rear services. The left column proceeds as follows: Weissenfels, Weimar, and then by autobahn to Chorselgei. It consists of the 174th Gds Rifle Regt, the 128th Arty Regt, the 172d Gds Rifle Regt, the 17th HT-SP Regt, the 64th Sep AT Bn, the 93d Sep Mtrcl Rcn Bn, and one battery of the 932d Sep AAA Bn.

The division units are to observe strictly all principles of camouflage, concealment, and the safeguarding of military security during the march.

The units will assemble in the following areas:

170th Gds Rifle Regt in Aspach region, CP map coordinate 326  
 174th Gds Rifle Regt in Bruchheim region, CP map coordinate 328  
 172d Gds Rifle Regt in Chorselgei region, CP map coordinate 377  
 655th How Regt and 128th Arty Regt in Mezbach region  
 932d Sep AAA Bn in Tugleben region, CP map coordinate 372  
 Division headquarters, 89th Sep Sig Bn, 64th AT Bn, 17th HT-SP Regt, and 67th Sep Engr Bn will concentrate in the region of the woods two km east of Meterbach

The units of the division will arrive in the assembly area by 0600 hours on 29 December 1951. Engineer work (camouflage, entrenchment, OPs, etc) is to be conducted in complete compliance with instruction manuals and is to be complete by 1200 hours on 30 December 1951 for the shift to the offensive made in the general direction of Eisenach.

The 170th Gds Rifle Regt, with two battalions of the 655th How Regt and one battery of the 932d Sep AAA Bn, is designated as the advance guard for the division.

The first echelon is to consist of the 174th Gds Rifle Regt; the second echelon, the 172d Gds Rifle Regt, will be ready to relieve the 170th Gds Rifle Regt in the Wut region (if the 179th has heavy casualties).

3. The 39th Gds Rifle Div of the XXVIII Rifle Corps moves on the right, and is concentrated in the region of the woods near Grumbach. On the left, the 21st Gds Mecz Div is concentrated in the Schonau region. The 20th Gds Mecz Div is in the region of Gotha, ready to follow up the successes of the 57th Gds Rifle Div.
4. The immediate task of the division is to break through the enemy main line of resistance and proceed into the Getelstadt region. The follow up task is to develop the offensive and come out on the eastern edge of Eisenach, where, by combined operations with the 21st Gds Mecz Div and the 39th Gds Rifle Div, it will surround the enemy units in Eisenach and annihilate them.

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5. The division rear services are to concentrate in the Gotha region, ready to supply the units of the division with ammunition, food and POL during the battle.
6. Artillery missions are as follows: artillery units will conduct one hour of artillery preparation on the enemy main line of resistance, neutralize firing points and destroy fortifications. During the advance of our units, the artillery will shift its fire to the secondary line of resistance, neutralize firing points, and support the advancing divisional units with fire.

The 932d Sep AAA Bn will give anti-aircraft protection to the division units during the march and in the assembly area. During the period of advance one battery will give anti-aircraft cover to the division advance guard, and two batteries will give anti-aircraft cover to the main forces.

Artillery units will obtain detailed instructions for their movements from the divisional artillery chief.

The 64th Sep AT Bn and the 39th AT Brig will be in my reserves and will operate under my personal direction.

The 17th HT-SP Regt will be ready to support the rifle units with fire and by using their weight will destroy obstacles during the period of the advance; when the rifle units break through the main line of resistance the 17th HT-SP Regt will develop the successes of the advance by attacking the enemy rear from the left flank.

The commander of the 93d Mtrcl Rcn Bn will organize reconnaissance of the enemy main line of resistance and enemy defenses in depth, and will report his findings

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The commander of the 67th Sep Engr Bn is to ensure passage through the barbed wire entanglements and mine fields, and must prepare bridges over tank pits. Lastly he is charged with being ready to organize the crossing of the Werra River for the units of the division.

7. The medical battalion will establish first aid stations in the Gotha region. The field artillery repair shop and other repair shops will be established in the Tutleben area.
8. The units of the division are to have the following for the combat period:

ammunition - three units of fire  
food - three daily rations  
POL - three fills

Division rear units will have the following:

ammunition - two units of fire  
food - five daily rations  
POL - two fills

The expenditure of ammunition allotted for one day of combat is as follows: one unit of fire for artillery units, and eight units of fire for tanks and SP guns.

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9. Signals:

air raid - series of green rockets  
tank threat .. series of red rockets  
chemical threat - series of yellow rockets  
identification of friendly aircraft - two or three right  
banks by the aircraft concerned  
friendly ground troops - a white rocket from the ground

10. The command post of the division is in the region of point 372,  
at the most advanced point of the attack route.

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Warning Order No. 1, Hq, 57th Guards Rifle Division in Naumburg -  
map 1:50,000, 1948

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On the basis of an order from Headquarters XXIX Guards Rifle Corps and by direction of the Commanding General, Eighth Guards Army:

1. Units of the division will be ready to execute a movement to the new unit area on 20/7/51 and be prepared for combat action.
2. Equipment, motor transportation, materials, ammunition, food, and POL will be in a state of readiness. Necessary supplies, ammunition, POL and food will be picked up at the division supply points by 2000 hours, 20/7/51.
3. Personnel will be prepared, drivers will be briefed, and necessary orientation lectures will be conducted on the safeguarding of military secrets and an increase of alertness, particularly in the new unit area.
4. Unit commanders will report on the readiness of their units at 2000 hours, 20/7/51.
5. Small arms ammunition and items for defense against chemical attack will be issued to the troops.
6. Each unit headquarters will take along only classified documents and battle standards.
7. Upon arrival at the new unit area, the security of the headquarters, command posts and individual unit areas will be increased. Special attention will be given to the isolation of the German population. Germans working for units will be left behind.
8. Mobile kitchens will be ready to feed on the basis of two meals per day.
9. At the conference scheduled for 2000 hours the unit commanders will receive detailed instruction for moving out. The individual staffs will receive detailed instructions from the staff of the division.

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Reference for Map Coding for Headquarters, 57th Guards Rifle  
Division for the Period of the Combat Operation  
Map scale 1:50,000

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1. By order of the coding section of the Eighth Guards Army, the following map code will be issued during combat operations. In order to conceal the movement of troops and to safeguard the secrecy of telephone and radio communications, all officers will use the following coding on their operational maps:

a	b	12/50	
13		Ohrdruf	49
d	c		

Base square Ohrdruf designated as 12/50.

Add to the west and subtract to the east of the basic square. To the north and south within the squares the figures must be arranged in such a way that a four-digit number will appear in all telephone and radio dispatches. Moreover, in order to facilitate precise pinpointing each square must be divided into four parts and indicated by using small letters in alphabetical and clockwise order, (a,b,c,d).

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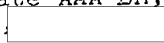
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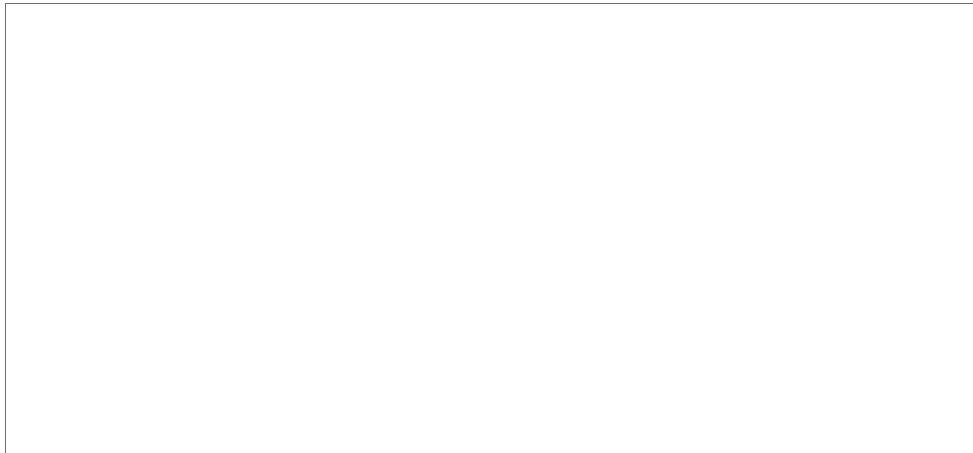
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Operational Report, Number 02, Headquarters 932d Separate AAA Bn,  
Naumburg,  Map scale 1:50,000 

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1. The battalion, composed of the headquarters and three batteries, occupies battle positions one km north of Naumburg and has the mission of protecting units of the division from enemy aircraft.
2. The battalion did not fire during 22 July 1951. No ammunition was used. During the day 50 aircraft sorties by the enemy were recorded.
3. There were no losses of personnel, equipment or vehicles.
4. The battalion has the following: personnel - 251; transportation - 23 vehicles; 37-mm guns - 18.
5. The battalion has on hand the following: ammunition - two units of fire; POL - two fills; rations - four days supply.
6. Summer weather - enemy aircraft did not evidence much activity.
7. Personnel were occupied with keeping weapons in shape and carrying on the work of security.
8. Morale of the troops is good. The battalion is ready to fulfill its combat mission.

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Battle Order No. 01, Hq. 982d Separate Anti-Aircraft Artillery  
Battalion, Naumburg [redacted] Map scale 1:50,000,  
[redacted]

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1. The enemy, after stubborn battle [redacted] shifted to the defense and is conducting a stiff defensive battle.

The enemy front line, strongly reinforced, has a large network of wire entanglements and mine fields.

It has been determined that the enemy is using the produce of the inhabitants and that his food supply is becoming insufficient because of difficulty of transportation and increasingly bad weather.

2. Units of the 57th Guards Rifle Division are ordered to break through the front line areas of the enemy and to shift to the offensive with the immediate objective of taking the city of Eisenach.
3. The rear services of the 57th Gds Rifle Div will be concentrated in the area north of Gotha. During battle the division units will have three days' rations, two falls of POL, and two units of fire.
4. During battle the battalion units will have a three day supply of dry rations.  
Each unit separately will prepare hot food twice daily.
5. The chief of artillery supply will guarantee the units a constant supply of ammunition by assuring a continuous level of two units of fire.
6. The officer in charge of vehicles for the battalion will secure continuous supplies of POL for the units, organize the repair of vehicles in the field, and set up a repair shop in the area near Tutleben.
7. During the movement of units the battalion medical officer will provide medical services for the personnel, increase control on the quality of food, and pay particular attention to water supply.
8. Units of the battalion will receive all equipment, rations, ammunition, and POL which they lack from the battalion supply depots.
9. Battalion rear headquarters will be located in the vicinity of Tutleben.
10. Reports on, and requests concerning shortages of combat material will be presented to headquarters daily by 1900 hours.

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Battle Instructions No. 1 for Chemical Defense, Headquarters 932d  
 Sep AAA Bn, Naumburg [ ] Map 1:50,000 [ ]

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1. "Blue" units, consisting of the 11th Inf Div and 10th Mecz Div, have passed to the defensive and are executing a regrouping of their units in preparation for passing to the offensive.

The enemy has chemical units among his forces and enemy artillery and mortar units are equipped with chemical shells. By aerial reconnaissance it has been established that the enemy is bringing tanks of war gas to railroad stations nearby.

It is probable that the enemy will use war gas in a critical moment.

2. For the purposes of timely warning in case of a sudden gas attack: all personnel will be in possession of individual means of protection, such as gas mask, capes, socks and individual packets.
3. Units of the battalion will have means for partial decontamination of material and small arms in readiness.  
 Improvised means for neutralizing contaminated areas will be prepared. Seriously gassed personnel will be sent to medical first aid detachments.
4. Decontamination areas will be equipped for the firing positions, chemical observers will be detailed, and a chemical post will be set up in the battalion command post.
5. The signal for "gas alarm" is given by frequent blows on a shell case; and by voice over telephone and radio stating "gas".
6. Reports of the use of war gas by the enemy will be sent (to the staff of the 932d) immediately by the various means of communication.

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Plan for the Implementation of a Combat Alarm of the 932d Separate Antiaircraft Battalion for 1951.

### I. Notification

- a. The battalion may be notified of a combat alarm by the division commander, or the chief of staff of the division, or by staff officers who have signed permission from the division commander.
- b. The combat alarm may be announced by telephone or radio, and also by a liaison officer, who notifies the officer of the day.
- c. After receiving the combat alarm, the officer of the day alerts all the personnel, notifies the unit commander and chief of staff by messengers, and personally directs the assembly of personnel until the unit officers arrive. He also strengthens the guard in the vehicle and gun parks and at supply points, directs camouflage activities and maintains order.
- d. The unit commander, upon arrival at his headquarters, assigns missions to the officer personnel for the move to the assembly area by all units, and then, through his staff officers, directs the assembly of subordinate units and gives the order to move out.

### II. Assembly During Combat Alarm

- a. Upon receiving the combat alarm signal all EM, with their weapons, engineer equipment and instruments, start out for the artillery park in formation under the command of their non-coms. The artillery pieces are moved out, vehicle engines are started, artillery pieces are hooked to the vehicles, and the equipment and ammunition are loaded.
- b. Officers report to headquarters in full combat readiness, with suitcase and map cases, to get maps and to learn their mission, after which they report to their units to direct the unit assembly. When ready, the officers form their batteries in column formation in the area designated for this purpose with the heads of the columns facing the control checkpoint, and report to the unit commander or the chief of staff that they are ready to move.

The chief of artillery, with his personnel and five other EM, proceeds to the artillery supply point with a truck to receive ammunition.

The supply officer, with five EM, supervises the loading of the emergency rations on supply trucks and then joins the main column.

The senior battalion technical officer loads the POL from the emergency supplies into his truck and joins the column.

\*rangefinders, binoculars, compasses

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The chief of staff gives the orders to deactivate and load the HQ staff, carry out the flag, and to relieve the guard, which is reduced to one man from each subordinate unit.

The order of formation of the column for the march to the assembly area is as follows: At the front of the column is the battalion staff and the headquarters platoon, with the 1st, 2d and 3d batteries and rear services following. The chief of staff heads the column. The march route is as follows: base camp - Grossberingen - Wolfsberingen - Grosshart forest.

- c. Upon arrival at the assembly area, in case of combat alarm, the battalion units will take up the following formations: The 1st battery in the region of map reference 358; the 2d battery in the region of map reference 375; and the 3d battery at a single house. The headquarters staff, headquarters platoons and rear services will occupy the northern edge of Grosshart forest. The headquarters platoon will immediately establish communications with the battalion units and set up a radio station for contact with the division artillery staff.

The battalion chief of reconnaissance will deploy the division command post under the direction of the chief of staff and will station a reconnaissance observer.

- d. The mission of the battalion in the assembly area for a combat alarm is to protect the units of the division from enemy air attacks. Firing will commence on orders from the division CP. Single reconnaissance aircraft will not be fired upon.

### III. Anti-aircraft Defense Measures on the March

Battery commanders will prepare two anti-aircraft guns each to be ready for firing on the move, while the march is in progress. Each gun will have one box of ammunition. Guns will be fired as necessary on command of the battery commander, during the march.

Air observers will be detailed for each vehicle and all around observation will be increased.

Signal for air threat: two green rockets

All personnel will have their gas masks and protective capes; observers (for gas attack) will be detailed.

Signal for chemical threat: one white rocket

Observation of both air and ground enemy forces will be maintained at the firing points on a 24-hour per day basis. AP shells and AT grenades will be in readiness for a defense against enemy tanks.

Firing positions are to be occupied according to field regulations and will be camouflaged.

When assembling personnel during the march and in the assembly areas, all measures of camouflage are to be observed strictly, the movement is to be made with dimmed-out vehicle lights, no fires will be lit, and smoking is strictly prohibited, especially on vehicles during the movement. The amount of time allotted for assembly, moving out and completing the move of the battalion is one hour from the time the alarm is sounded.

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#### IV. Material Supply at Time of Moving Out

When moving out to the assembly area, after the alarm has sounded the units are to have the following:

ammunition - two units of fire  
food - three daily rations  
POL - two fills

#### V. General Organizational Orders

When moving out to the assembly area after the alarm is sounded the chief of staff will request the Kommandaturas to notify all officers on leave to report for duty, in accordance with emergency addresses prepared earlier.

The chief of staff will define the combat situation in artillery headquarters and inform the battery commanders. He will send a liaison officer to division headquarters on a motorcycle.

The chief of staff will direct the personnel of all training units, such as the training platoon and the drivers school, to report to their regular units.

The chief of staff will direct that all patients who cannot walk will be taken to the medical battalion for further treatment.

The deputy for supply will organize the serving of two hot meals each day.

Unit commanders will keep a liaison NCO at their headquarters for courier duties.

Conversational contact by telephone and radio will be in accord with instructions given by the battalion signal officer.

The signal for identification of friendly planes will be received daily at battalion headquarters. The signal will be changed daily at 2400 hours Moscow time.

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Battle Instruction No. 1 for Anti-Tank Defense. Hq, 932d Separate AAA Battalion, Naumburg. [ ] Map 1:50,000 [ ]

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1. Enemy forces, consisting of the 10th and 8th Inf Divs, are occupying defensive positions on the western bank of the Werra River and are preparing to pass over to the offensive with the purpose of penetrating our main line of resistance and continuing on in the direction of Eisenach.

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By aerial reconnaissance it has been established that the enemy has concentrated large tank units. Facing the front are the 4th Mecz Div and the 5th Tk Div. Enemy tanks are concentrated in the woods in the region of Wuta. These units are equipped with heavy tanks. Enemy tanks are conducting fire with AP and incendiary rounds.

2. Subordinate units of the battalion will have two boxes of AP shells in readiness for each gun to be used for AT defense. Fire on enemy tanks will be opened only for defense against tanks penetrating into the zone of the firing positions.
3. All troops will be issued anti-tank grenades and special personnel for firing on tanks will be detailed from the headquarters section and from the ammunition carriers.
4. Observers will be detailed for observing the enemy ground forces, and a 24-hour observation of enemy ground forces will be set up at the firing positions.
5. Firing positions will be completely equipped in the engineer sense, as established in the manual. Trenches will be dug at a distance of 200 m from the firing positions for the concealment of the tank destroyers.
6. Firing data cards will be completed for each gun for conducting defensive fire, and commanders will define firing sectors for each gun.

Probable lanes of tank approach will be determined and indicated to all personnel.

7. Defensive fire will be conducted as necessary in each firing sector.
8. Signal for tank threat: two green rockets; by radio or telephone the word "tanks".
9. Reports of tank danger will be announced immediately by telephone and radio.

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Plan for Antiaircraft Defense of Units and Objectives of the 57th  
Guards Rifle Division

No.	Name of unit and objective to be defended	Number of AA Weapons Employed		
		Medium caliber 85-mm AA guns	Light caliber 37-mm AA guns	12.7-mm AAA MGs
1.	Division Hq		6	6
2.	Concentration of units in the departure area	12	24	10
3.	Units crossing Elbe River	12	30	16

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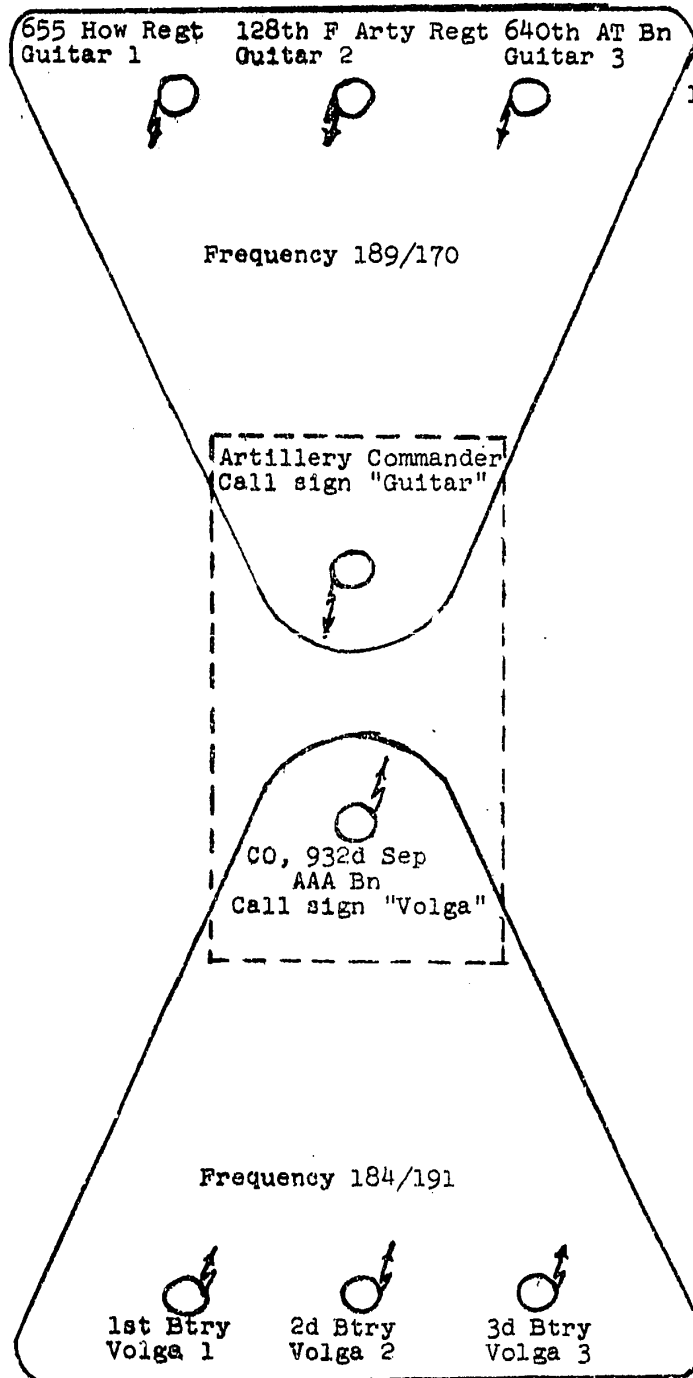


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Sketch of Radio Liaison, 932d Separate AAA Battalion



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1. The general call sign of the artillery commander "Guitar" must be known to all radio-net operators.

Keys: 9254678

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The primary frequency used for the general net is 189; the secondary is 170.

Frequencies will be changed each day at 2400, Moscow time.

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Table for the Order of Crossing the Elbe River by Units of the 57th Guards  
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No.	Division Unit Designations	Types and Numbers of Crossings				Remarks
		Bridge No. 1		Raft No. 1		
		Begin	End	Begin	End	
1.	932d Sep AAA Bn	(sample times) 0920            0940				
2.	655th How Regt	0940	1010	0940	1020	

Note: As a rule, officer specialists of the engineer troops are designated as the commanders for river crossings. Also COs of separate battalions, chiefs of staff, and engineers of the rifle regiments are selected for this duty.

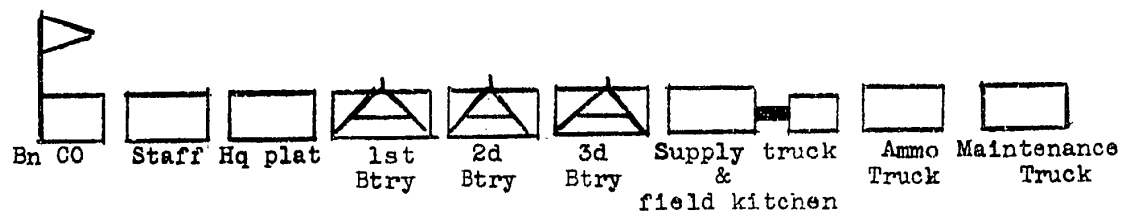
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## Marching Plan of 932d Sep AAA Bn



Remarks: Distances between the batteries on the move is 100m; between trucks the interval is 30-35 m during the day and 20-25 m at night

Speed: 25-30 km per hour during the day and 10-15 km per hour at night

Directional signals for the column: by flags during the day and by lanterns at night

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Plan for the Change of Order of Battle of the 932d Sep AAA Bn,  
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Name of Unit	Old operating region	New operating region	When effective
Subordinate units of the 932d Sep AAA Bn:  1st Btry 2d Btry 3d Btry	1. N edge of Gotha	N edge of Truegleben	Upon departure of advance units from Aspach area
	2. N edge of Truegleben	W edge of Aspach	Upon departure of advance units into Teutleber region
	3. W edge of Aspach	W edge of Moechterstadt	Upon departure of advance units into Goethelstadt region
	4. W edge of Moechterstadt	W edge of Goethelstadt	Upon departure of advance units into Shonau region

Remark: Plan for the change of the order of battle is composed only for offensive action.

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Table for Air Transportation of the Units of the 57th Guards Rifle Division

No.	Airborne Unit Designation	No. of air-port	Number and Type of Planes	Number and Type of Glider	Weight of Load kg.	Time of Take-Off		Time of Landing		No. of Landing Field or Airport
						Start	End	Start	End	
1.	932 Sep AAA Bn.	Sample Operation:								
a.	Personnel	No. 1	21 planes	Dresder LI-2	20,000	0710	0720	0910	0920	No. 8 Altenburg
b.	37-mm AA guns, instruments ammunition	"	9 planes	9 IL-12 YAK-1	60,000	0720	0730	0920	0930	"
c.	Vehicles	"	-	23 YAK-1	92,000	0730	0740	0930	0940	"

Note: The above table is compiled for each unit. The unit commanders are responsible for loading and unloading.

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